

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 412–445; 1 private bill, H.R. 446; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 12; and H. Res. 52–53, 55–56 were introduced. **Pages H468–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H471–72**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 54, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 359) to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions (H. Rept. 112–5). **Page H468**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H437**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H441**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 52, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H441**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 53, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H445**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Staff Sergeant Salvatore A. Giunta Medal of Honor Flag Resolution: H. Res. 49, to provide Capitol-flown flags for recipients of the Medal of Honor, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 21 and **Pages H443–45, H456–57**

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act: H.R. 366, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. **Pages H445–46**

Reducing non-security spending to fiscal year 2008 levels or less: The House agreed to H. Res. 38, to reduce non-security spending to fiscal year 2008 levels or less, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 256 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 20. **Pages H446–56**

Rejected the Bishop (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Rules with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 184 yeas to 242 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 19. **Pages H454–55**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. **Page H446**

H. Res. 43, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to yesterday, January 24th.

Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development—

Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed Representative Terri Sewell to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years. **Page H457**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:33 p.m. and reconvened at 8:39 p.m. **Page H457**

State of the Union Address: President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 10. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Cantor, McCarthy (CA), Hensarling, Sessions, Price (GA), McMorris Rodgers, Carter, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson (CT), Becerra, Israel, and Sewell and Senators Reid, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Stabenow, Begich, Leahy, McConnell, Kyl, Alexander, Barrasso, Thune, and Cornyn. The President's message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed (H. Doc. 112–1). **Pages H457–62**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H443.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H472.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H455, H455–56, H456. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Met for organizational purposes. Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Met for organizational purposes. Committee adopted an Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Financial Services: Met for organizational purposes. Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress.

BRIEFING—U.N. URGENT PROBLEMS NEED CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a briefing on the United Nations: Urgent Problems that Need Congressional Action. The Committee was briefed by public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on House Administration: Met for organizational purposes. Committee adopted its rules of procedure and its Oversight Plan for the 112th Congress.

INTERNET CRIME INVESTIGATION DATA RETENTION

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Data Retention as a Tool for Investigating Internet Child Pornography and Other Internet Crimes. Testimony was heard from Jason M. Weinstein, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IMPROVEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet held a hearing on How an Improved U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Can Create Jobs. Testimony was heard from David Kappos, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Met for organizational purposes. The Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress.

CUTTING TAX PAYER CAMPAIGN PARTY CONVENTION FINANCING

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 4, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points

of order against consideration of the bill. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule for a period not to exceed five hours. The bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that all points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The rule makes in order only those amendments that have been preprinted in the Congressional Record or pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lungren, and Representatives Cole, Brady of Pennsylvania, David E. Price of North Carolina, and Jackson-Lee.

PENDING FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on pending Free Trade Agreements. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee held an additional organizational meeting.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D8)

H.R. 81, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–348)

H.R. 628, to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–349)

H.R. 1107, to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts”. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–350)

H.R. 1746, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Signed on January 4, 2011. (Public Law 111–351)

H.R. 2142, to require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers